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(complete and return by Friday, May 9)

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Academic Update for Fall Semester 2008

Highlighted below is important course information. This document, together with the course descriptions available on the SU Abroad web site, provides information on course approval and registration for the Fall 2008 semester.

Course Request Form

Please carefully review the information below and the course descriptions on the SU Abroad web site, then read the instructions for the Course Request form and complete the form as directed. You should read the instructions and complete this form now. **Return the completed and signed form to SU ABROAD at 106 Walnut Place, Syracuse, NY 13244-2650, or by fax to the attention of Deb Goddard at (315) 443-2971 or (315) 443-4593, no later than Friday, May 9.** Be sure to bring a copy of this form with you to Santiago. Registration will occur abroad after the field study seminar.

To view and print a list of course descriptions:

1. Go to the SU Abroad Santiago home page <https://suabroad.syr.edu/programs/location/santiago/>
2. Click on 'View all Courses for SU Santiago'
3. Click on the box next to the title of each **fall** course you would like to get approved, then click 'Show Course Descriptions' to see a list of your selected course descriptions.

Note that, while Universidad de Chile courses may be listed as fall courses, the university does not confirm its offerings and credit allocations until shortly before the start of the semester. Therefore, you should not count on taking a particular UC course, but should have several alternate courses in mind and approved by your home college.

You will find it helpful to print this list in order to provide your advisor with descriptions of all the courses you want to get approved.

ENROLLMENT POLICIES

Undergraduate students are required to enroll on a full-time basis and register for at least 12 credits. Undergrads may register for up to 21 credits, including the 2 credits for contemporary issues seminar, at no additional charge.

Student language levels are confirmed by placement exam in Cuenca and/or Chile. You are required to study Spanish in Chile unless you place out of SPA 380.2 (Spanish 4). Students must have completed at least 3 semesters of college-level Spanish in order to enroll in content courses at the Chilean universities. Students with less than 4 semesters of college-level Spanish will participate in the Cuenca Prequel and must successfully complete SPA 201 in order to participate in semester study in Santiago.

You may request to take only one course on a Pass/Fail basis. Pass/Fail requests must be made by the deadline published in the Academic Calendar. Pass/Fail requests from SU students must be approved by the student's home school/college and students are advised to be aware of any college-specific restrictions and implications when taking a course for Pass/Fail grading. Non-SU students should find out prior to departure whether or not their home college will transfer credits taken for Pass/Fail grades. At Syracuse, a grade of "Pass" represents a "D" or better.

Transfer Credit for Non-SU Students

While completion of the enclosed Course Request Form will ensure that the courses you plan to take overseas meet your specific academic needs, you will also need to know your institution's policies concerning grades and the transfer of credit. The unit of credit at Syracuse University is the semester hour, where each three-credit course represents a minimum of 37.5 contact hours. Colleges and universities generally accept Syracuse University courses for transfer credit, but be certain that you know the minimum grade requirement and any other criteria that your institution may have regarding the transfer of credits toward your degree. Undergraduate courses are numbered 100 – 499, joint undergraduate and graduate courses are numbered 500 – 599, and graduate courses are numbered 600 and above.

Cuenca Prequel: Pre-semester Intensive Spanish Language/Internships

If you are participating in the four-week Cuenca, Ecuador program, you will register for one of the following courses:

- **SPA 201 – Spanish III (4 credits)**

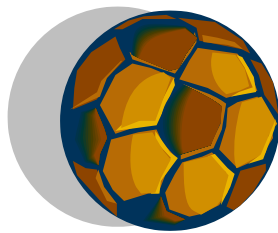
Conducted in Spanish. Intensive, four-week, proficiency-based language course that further develops language skills introduced in SPA 102. Structured to take advantage of living in a Spanish-speaking environment. Required for Santiago program students who have completed only one year of college-level Spanish. Recommended for students who have completed less than two years college-level Spanish. May be audited for review by students who have already received credit.

- **SPA 380.1 – Advanced Spanish: Culture, Conversation and Grammar (3 credits) *** NEW COURSE *****

Prereq: SPA 202 or two years of college-level Spanish. Class combines readings, lectures, and discussion related to Andean culture, politics and history. Students write short essays and gain grammatical knowledge and more fluid oral proficiency through practice.

- **IRP/PSC/IPA 470 – Experience Credit/Internship (3 credits) *** NEW OPTION *****

*Prereq: SPA 301 or at least 2 1/2 years college-level Spanish. Internship placements in Cuenca include local government and non-government organizations, schools, health clinics and hospitals. Organizations include Casa del Migrante and Pastoral Social; the cancer institute, SOLCA; the orphanage Miguel Leon; and Fundación Humanitaria, a foundation that provides legal and health services for low-income populations. Students work 135 hours to earn 3 credits. **Students must submit the Internship Request Form of the program application and get approval for credit from a home campus academic sponsor.***



Santiago Semester: Contemporary Issues Seminar and Semester Courses

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES SEMINAR

All students are required to take the bilingual seminar: HST/LAS/PSC 300.1 – Contemporary Issues in Chile and Latin America, earning 2 credits. Instruction is initially in a combination of English and Spanish and progresses to all Spanish by semester's end. This seminar features in-situ lectures and activities in Chile, Argentina and Uruguay introducing important political, sociological and environmental issues in the Southern Cone region. **NOTE:** Students may earn an additional one credit, with registration under Independent Study, by undertaking a community project or research paper related to a topic introduced during the seminar and approved by the seminar leader.

SEMESTER STUDY

- **New SU Center Bilingual Courses:**

- **GEO 500.2/LAS 400.2 – Environmental Policy in a Developmental Context (3 credits)**

*Instruction is initially in a combination of English and Spanish and progresses to all Spanish by semester's end. Over the last decade, Chile has experienced the tensions between an economic model based on the exploitation of natural resources and a citizenship (local, national, global) concerned with protecting their environment. The main premise of this course is that we cannot understand environmental policy outcomes without understanding the role of environment in the Chilean capitalist development model. This course examines the historical, intellectual and material processes that transformed nature into natural resources to be exploited by capital; in what ways the global political process has guided the global responses to environmental problems; and environmental policy in Chile over the last 20 years. **NOTE:** Includes an optional four-day study tour to Parque Tantauco and the Chiloé Archipiélago. Students will explore ecosystems and salmon farming in Northern Patagonia. Course fee for lodging, travel and park fees estimated at \$550. Actual fee will be announced in Chile and payable with a credit card.*

HST/LAS/PSC 400.1 – Dictatorships, Human Rights and Historical Memory in Chile & the Southern Cone

(3 credits)

Instruction is initially in a combination of English and Spanish and progresses to all Spanish by semester's end. From 1940 onward, Chilean society experienced numerous and prolonged episodes of human rights violations including violent acts and repression against ideologically or ethnically "subversive" groups that did not fit the political and cultural parameters that governed the majority of society at the time. These incidents culminated in the military coup of 1973 and in the systematic implementation of violence and fear as an effective method of control over society and as a formula for stability during the military government of Augusto Pinochet. Within this context, marked by the pain and suffering of certain sectors of Chile, this course aims to study this time period and evaluate its significances and contributions to the configuration of social, political and economic aspects of Chile today. Includes site visits to a former public prison for political detainees and other historical memory sites and institutions in Santiago (these visits are scheduled on Saturdays).

- **Spanish Language:** Registration in a Spanish language course is based on a placement exam. Because the language courses are not directly equivalent to American university Spanish courses, it is possible that a course may repeat some previous study. Classes meet a total of 60 hours over 16 weeks and carry four credits.

SPA 280.1 – Spanish 2

SPA 280.2 – Spanish 3

SPA 380.2 – Spanish 4

- **Additional Course Offerings at U. of Chile and other Local Universities:** Our web site includes descriptions for dozens of Chilean university courses across disciplines which have been pre-approved by Syracuse University. However, because the course schedule is not confirmed until shortly before classes start, we cannot guarantee specific course offerings. Students take 1 or 2 classes, but should have 4 approved by their home school in case of course cancellation or schedule conflicts (see Course Request form). Courses are worth 2-4 credits and are conducted in Spanish. For course listing and descriptions see <https://suabroad.syr.edu/programs/view/435>.

NEW CHILEAN UNIVERSITY COURSES

Course descriptions for the recently-approved courses listed below are not currently available on our web site. You may obtain a course syllabus upon request (call or email Stella Zemlin, smzemlin@syr.edu):

IRP 380.4 – Contemporary International Conflicts (4 credits)

We are exploring additional IRP course offerings at Catolica. Updates will be provided by email as SU course approvals are confirmed.

BIO 380.1 – Microbiology (6 credits)

CRS 380.1 – Diplomatic, Political, and Media Language of International Crises (4 credits)

GEO 380.5 – Economic Development, the Environment, and Natural Resources (4 credits)

GEO 380.6 – Cultural Geography (3 credits)

GEO 380.7 – Urbanism and Santiago (3 credits)

HST 380.9 – History of Chilean Institutions: 16th, 17th and 18th Centuries (3 credits)

IRP 380.4 – Contemporary International Conflicts (4 credits)

LAS 380/SPA 480 – Contemporary Latin American Literature (4 credits)

FLL 280.1 – Mapuche Language and Culture (3 credits)

FLL 380.1 – Politics and Literature (4 credits)

COURSE CHANGES AND SPECIAL NOTES

Credit allocations for some U Chile courses have changed from the 4-credits indicated in our viewbook. Please refer to the course descriptions on our web site for the current number of credits each course carries. **You should also note that credit allocation is subject to change, depending on total number of hours the course meets in a given semester.** Fall 2008 course schedules and credit allocations will be available upon arrival in Chile.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY –SU ABROAD INSTRUCTIONS FOR SANTIAGO COURSE REQUEST FORM

Now is the time for you to review course offerings and plan your schedule. Use this form to indicate the courses you intend to take during your semester in Ecuador and/or Santiago and to get these courses approved by your home college. Documentation of the courses your college has pre-approved will facilitate your registration overseas and the transfer of credits to your degree program. Note that this is not a pre-registration form (you will register in Santiago) nor does it guarantee enrollment in the courses approved by your advisor. **If you are unable to obtain home campus approval, make your selections and send the form as a statement of intentions. Also send a copy to your home campus advisor for their files.**

To complete this form, you will need to view/print the SU Abroad course descriptions on our web site (<https://suabroad.syr.edu/programs/location/santiago/>) and refer to the enclosed course update. Make a copy of the completed form and then **return it to SU Abroad, Syracuse University, 106 Walnut Place, Syracuse, NY 13244-2650, or by fax to the attention of Deb Goddard at (315) 443-2971 or (315) 443-4593 no later than May 9.**

Instructions for Students:

*This form must be returned to SU Abroad by **May 9** whether or not you have been able to obtain school approval.*

1. If you are participating in the Cuenca Prequel, select the course (Spanish language or internship) you intend to take in Ecuador.
2. During the regular semester, you are required to take Spanish and the contemporary issues seminar – HST/LAS/PSC 300.1. Be sure to obtain approval for the most appropriate Spanish language course(s), based on your background in the language. If you are not a Syracuse student, you should refer to the course descriptions on our web site and consult with an advisor in the languages department of your home school to select the appropriate language level which will be confirmed with a placement test in Sanitago.
3. List five other SU Center and/or Chilean university courses that you would like to take, in order of priority (#1 should be the course you would most like to take and #5 should be the course you would least like to take). Although most students will register for 2-3 courses (not including Spanish language), it is important to seek approval for additional courses. This will facilitate your registration in the event of a schedule conflict or course cancellation.
4. Using the enclosed update and course descriptions from our web site, seek approval for all courses from your study abroad advisor, your college dean, your academic advisor and/or other authorized official(s) at your institution.
 - **Non-SU students:** If your school requires you to use its own course approval form, you may attach a copy of your school's form to this one. If your school does not pre-approve courses as a matter of policy, please note this on the reverse of this form. **In either case, however, you should still list your course choices in order of priority on this form and return it to the SU Abroad office.**
 - **SU students:** take this form to your home college recorder to ensure that the courses you select are appropriate for your program of study. You may also need to obtain some approvals from your faculty or Dual College advisor(s).
5. Make a copy of the completed form for your records, then **return the original to SU Abroad, Syracuse University, 106 Walnut Place, Syracuse, NY 13244-2650 or by fax to the attention of Deb Goddard at (315) 443-2971 or (315) 443-4593 by May 9.** Remember to take your copy with you overseas.
 - **Non-SU students** should also bring a copy of their college course catalog and degree requirements.

Instructions for School Officials:

1. Using the course descriptions and update provided by the student, indicate your approval of a course by signing in the "Course Approval" column. **Note:** If one official approves all courses, s/he may check the statement at the bottom of the form and sign just once.
2. Indicate how an approved course may count toward the student's degree in the "Counts Toward" column (e.g., major, minor, elective, distribution or specific course substitute).
3. If you cannot approve a course, please indicate this in the "Course Approval" column.
4. Return the form to the student.

FORM #12

**SU ABROAD COURSE REQUEST FORM
SANTIAGO – FALL 2008**

Student's Name _____ SU ID # _____ Grad. Date _____

Home College _____ Major(s) _____ Minor _____

Students and School Officials: Please refer to the instructions before completing this form.

- **You are required to study Spanish language** and should obtain approval for the appropriate-level language course(s).
- List five other semester courses, in order of priority (#1 should be the course you're most interested in taking).
- **Please return this form even if you cannot obtain the signed course approvals, but be sure to talk to your advisor about which courses you may take and how they will count toward your degree program.**
- **Return to SU Abroad no later than Friday, May 9.** PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

CUENCA PREQUEL (select the course you intend to take)

Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title	Course Approval	Counts Toward
SPA			sign.:	
IRP/PSC/ IPA	470	Experience Credit/Internship <i>(for advanced language students only)</i>	sign.:	

SANTIAGO SEMESTER PROGRAM (list five semester courses of interest; **NOTE: we cannot guarantee specific course offerings**)

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title	Course Approval	Counts Toward
HST/ LAS/ PSC	300	Contemporary Issues in Chile & Latin America REQUIRED	sign.:	
SPA			sign.:	
1			sign.:	
2			sign.:	
3				
4			sign.:	
5			sign.:	

____ Except where otherwise noted, all courses are approved to meet degree requirements as indicated above.

School Official:

Signature _____ Print Name and Title _____

E-mail _____ Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____ Date _____